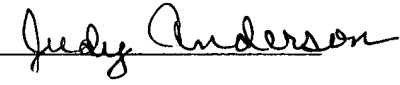




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ART UNIT:	1764	
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2005, please reconsider the application in light of the accompanying remarks. A petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the required fee of \$60 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) for a one month extension in which to file this response is enclosed.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Examiner Thang Duong, Examiner Jerry Lorengo, Craig Cox, Mark Hennenfent, and Erik Ericksen were in attendance at an in-person interview held on February 3, 2006. Applicant presented information regarding PC and CFB operations and conventional meanings of wet scrubber and related technology. The Doyle, Alix and Weitzke references were distinguished primarily based on the lack of teaching of CFB in Doyle and Alix and the lack of teaching of wet scrubbers in Weitzke. The Examiners suggested that an amendment to clarify that the wet scrubber is a desulphurization unit would appear to distinguish the Weitzke reference. Applicant agreed to submit such amendment with the next response.